## **REMARKS**

Upon entry of the present amendment claims 1-15 are pending in the application. Claims 1-12 have been amended in accordance with the requirements of U.S. patent practice. New claims 13-15 add no new matter, as these claims contain subject matter deleted from the amended claims. Applicants respectfully request entry of the preliminary amendment.

## CONCLUSION

Applicant(s) respectfully submit that the Application and pending claims are patentable in view of the foregoing amendments and/or remarks. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. As always, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the Undersigned by telephone if direct conversation would be helpful.

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